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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/776,526	Applicant(s) HUANG, CHUN-YUNG	
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 April 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 19, 22 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-18, 20, 21 and 23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 10-18, 20, 21, and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Onuki et al. (USPN 6117023) in view of Higuchi et al. (USPN 10-192454).

Regarding claim 10, Onuki et al. discloses a golf club head comprising a body including a recess in a front side thereof having a plurality of positioning protrusions projecting from an inner perimeter delimiting the recess, and a striking plate including a striking face on a front side thereof for striking a golf ball and having an outer perimeter wherein the positioning protrusions are integrally formed on the inner perimeter of the body and adapted to provide a tolerance in an assembling step (See Figures 13 and 14). Onuki et al. does not disclose the assembling step being welding. Higuchi et al. discloses a striking plate being attached to a club head body by braze welding. One having ordinary skill in the art would have found it obvious to use braze welding wherein the braze welding material filled a gap instead of caulking being that they both are techniques used to attach two elements made of dissimilar materials.

Regarding claim 11, Onuki et al. shows the recess having a stepped portion.

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Regarding claim 12 and 13, Applicant does not disclose why the distance of protrusions from the inner perimeter and the width is critical in order to attain the disclosed invention. One having ordinary skill in the art would have drawn from Okuni et al. that the distance between each protrusion may be of any width and the distance of the protrusions from the inner perimeter may be of any distance. The factors would have been determining by the materials used and size of the club head; therefore, making the dimensions obvious.

Regarding claim 14, see the above regarding claim 10.

Regarding claim 15, Onuki et al. discloses the protrusions being parallelepiped.

Regarding claims 16 and 17, It is presumed that Higuchi et al. is manual welding or automated based on the process disclosed by the applicant and that Higuchi et al. discloses a braze welding process.

Regarding claim 18, see the above regarding claim 10.

Regarding claims 20 and 21, Onuki et al. discloses the protrusion being in the same plane as that of the striking plate.

Regarding claim 23, Onuki et al. discloses the body made of a first metal and the striking plate made of a second metal such that the welding portion connects between the first and second metal material.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-9, 19, and 22 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-23 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alvin A. Hunter whose telephone number is (571) 272-4411. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:30AM to 4:00PM Eastern Time.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gene Kim, can be reached on 571-272-4463. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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